

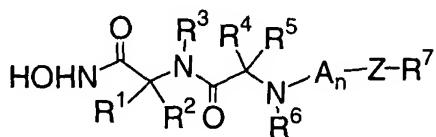
IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 30, 32-33 and 43-47

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 10, 16-18, 25 and 36-38 as follows:

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1. (Amended herein) A compound selected from the group of compounds represented by Formula (I):



(I)

wherein:

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are, independently of each other, hydrogen or alkyl;

R<sup>2</sup> is: (i) cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aralkenyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkenyl, heterocyclo or heterocycloalkyl; or  
(ii) -(alkylene)-B<sup>1</sup>-X where B<sup>1</sup> is -O-, -NR<sup>8</sup>-, -S(O)<sub>n</sub>- (where n is 0, 1 or 2), -C=O, -CONR<sup>8</sup>-, -NR<sup>8</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>-, NR<sup>8</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -C(=NR<sup>8</sup>)NR<sup>8</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- (where R<sup>8</sup> is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl; or  
(iii) -(alkylene)-B<sup>1</sup>-X where B<sup>1</sup> is -NR<sup>8</sup>CO- (where R<sup>8</sup> is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl; or

(iv) R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> form an alkylene or heteroalkylene chain;

R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen or alkyl;

R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl;

R<sup>5</sup> is:

(i) hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aralkenyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heteroalkyl, or -(alkylene)-C(O)-X<sup>1</sup> where X<sup>1</sup> is alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy,

heteroaralkyloxy or NR'R'' (where R' and R'' are independently H or alkyl, or R' and R'' form an alkylene chain); or

(ii) R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> form an alkylene chain; or

(iii) R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> form an alkylene chain;

n is 0 or 1;

A is -C(=O)-CH(R<sup>9</sup>)-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-N(R<sup>10</sup>)- wherein:

m is an integer from 0-5 inclusive;

R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heterocycloalkyl, heteroalkyl, or -(alkylene)-C(O)-X<sup>1</sup> where X<sup>1</sup> is alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyloxy or NR'R'' (where R' and R'' are independently H or alkyl, or R' and R'' form an alkylene chain); and

R<sup>10</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl;

Z is Y-B<sup>2</sup> wherein:

Y is alkylene or a bond; and

B<sup>2</sup> is -CONR<sup>8</sup>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, or -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>8</sup>- (where R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen or alkyl), alkylene (optionally substituted by hydroxy, alkoxy, amino, monoalkylamino or dialkylamino) or a bond;

R<sup>7</sup> is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl;

provided that when n = 0 and Z is SO<sub>2</sub>, then R<sup>2</sup> does not contain an imidazole group; and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, prodrugs, individual isomers, and mixtures of isomers.

3 5. (Amended herein) The compound of Claim 4 wherein:

Z is -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-.

4 10. (Amended herein) The compound of Claim 8 wherein:

R<sup>7</sup> is optionally substituted benzyl.

5 16. (Amended herein) The compound of Claim 3, wherein:

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$R^2$  is (alkylene)- $B^1$ -X where  $B^1$  is -O-, -NR<sup>8</sup>-, -S(O)<sub>n</sub>- (where n is 0, 1 or 2), -C=O, -CONR<sup>8</sup>-, -NR<sup>8</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sup>8</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- or -C(=NR<sup>8</sup>)NSO<sub>2</sub>-(where R<sup>8</sup> is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl

**17.** (Amended herein) The compound of Claim 16, wherein:  
Z is -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-.

**18.** (Amended herein) The compound of Claim 17, wherein  
 $R^2$  is  $CH_2$ - $B^1$ -X and  $B^1$  is -NHCO<sub>2</sub>- and X is benzyl.

**25.** (Amended herein) The compound of Claim 24, wherein:  
Z is -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-.

**36.** (Amended herein) The compound of Claim 23, wherein:  
 $R^2$  is (alkylene)- $B^1$ -X where  $B^1$  is -O-, -NR<sup>8</sup>-, -S-, -C=O, -CONR<sup>8</sup>-, -NR<sup>8</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>-, -NSO<sub>2</sub>- or -C(=NR<sup>8</sup>)NSO<sub>2</sub>-(where R<sup>8</sup> is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl.

**37.** (Amended herein) The compound of Claim 36, wherein:  
Z is -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-.

**38.** (Amended herein) The compound of Claim 37, wherein  $R^2$  is  $CH_2$ - $B^1$ -X and  $B^1$  is -NHCO<sub>2</sub>- and X is benzyl.